

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
AUGUST 9, 2005**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor William J. Schmitt who presided called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor William J. Schmitt	present
Board member Victor J. Knies	present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Building Commissioner David Seger, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm. Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three of the board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 26, 2005. A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**ELECTRO-HYDRAULIC MOBILE LIFT SYSTEM**

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein opened two sealed quotes for an Electro-hydraulic mobile lift system for the street department. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle stated that he had sought four quotes for the item. The quotes were as follows:

<b><u>Supplier</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>
Stertil-KONI	Mobile Lift System	\$32,098.00
	Carriage mechanism (Option)	\$ 3,850.00
<b><u>Supplier</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>
Mohawk Resources, Ltd.	Mobile Lift System	\$27,025.00
	Carriage mechanism (Option)	\$ 2,500.00

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to take the quotes under advisement. Motion passed 3-0.

## HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported for publication the names of property owners that had been cited under section 5.12.040, weed removal/ notice. The names and property locations receiving notice since the last meeting were as follows:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location of Lot</u>
Lee Huebner	SE Corner of 3 <sup>rd</sup> St/Newton St. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Notice)
Scott Meneilly	402 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> St.
Steven & Minda Haggh	956 University Dr.
Bavaria, Inc.	4.77 acres along S. Newton St./Brucke Strasse
Kerstien's Corp.	Lots 12, 13 & 14, North Brook Park (2 <sup>nd</sup> Notice)

## REPORTS

**Paving** – Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle gave an update on the paving projects.

**Highway 231** – Street Commissioner Eckerle reported that Indiana Department of Transportation would make some core drillings under Highway 231/Newton Street later this month.

**Clay Street** - Street Commissioner Eckerle stated that work has begun on replacing the sewer pipe on Clay Street. He said there is a serious problem with motorists ignoring the “Road Closed” signs.

**Mosquito larva** – Street Commissioner Eckerle related that no serious problems have been found during mosquito larva inspections this year.

**Strassenfest** – Street Commissioner Eckerle complimented the Boy Scouts on an outstanding job of picking up trash during the Strassenfest. He said there were no major problems for the street department this year.

## TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE

Jennifer Rillo, 1459 Fidel Lane, requested closing Fidel Lane on Saturday, August 13, 2005 from 2-5 p.m. for a neighborhood block party. She stated that Fidel Lane is a dead end street located in Catherine Estates. Mayor Schmitt advised Ms. Rillo to contact the street department for barricades.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to approve the request of Jennifer Rillo to close Fidel Lane on Saturday, August 13, 2005 from 2-5 p.m. for a neighborhood block party. Motion passed 3-0.

## PUBLIC CONCERT AT GAZEBO

Phil Schwenk, a member of the band “Free Style”, requested permission to use the Gazebo near the Riverwalk on Sunday, August 21, 2005 from 6-8 p.m. He said his group would like to provide a free public concert. Mayor Schmitt commented that this was a great community-type function for the Riverwalk area.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to allow “Free Style” to hold a public concert at the Riverwalk Gazebo on Sunday, August 21, 2005 from 6-8 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.

## TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE

Donna Schnell, representative of Flexcel-15<sup>th</sup> Street, requested closing Cherry Street between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets on Saturday, September 24, 2005 from 6 a.m. to

noon for an employee and family event. She explained that participants would be walking on the Riverwalk. During discussion, Mayor Schmitt advised Ms. Schnell to have a “road closed ahead” sign at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Royal Street to give motorists advance warning about the Cherry Street closing and advised Ms. Schnell to contact the street department about signs and barricades. Mayor Schmitt also requested that Schnell contact the police department the day before the event to remind them of the function. Victor Knies noted that participants should show caution when walking along 15<sup>th</sup> Street to and from the Riverwalk.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of Flexcel-15<sup>th</sup> Street to close Cherry Street between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets on Saturday, September 24, 2005 from 6 a.m. to noon for an employee event. Motion passed 3-0.

**ARBOR POINTE II**

Craig Beck, with Brosmer Land Surveying and representing Gary Hopf, presented a plat of Arbor Pointe II. He requested approval of the 2-lot subdivision. He reported that plat approval had been given by the Planning Commission. There followed some discussion. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein stated that the plat is protected by a deed restriction and City Engineer Chad Hurm read the deed restriction concerning the plat.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to approve the plat known as Arbor Pointe II that includes the re-plat of Lot 1 in Arbor Pointe. Motion passed 3-0.

**LAP TOP COMPUTER**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented three quotes for a laptop computer for the Engineering and GIS departments. He said his department currently borrows a laptop from the Storm Water Department, but that computer does not have adequate capacity needed for the new version of Auto-Cad. He stated that the laptop could be used for displaying aerial photos and could be connected to the projector in the Council Chambers for use at meetings.

<b>Gateway</b>	\$2,470.00	(Meets minimum specifications)
<b>Dell</b>	\$3,008.59	(Meets minimum specifications)
<b>Matrix (HP)</b>	\$2,449.00	(Does not meet minimum specifications)

During discussion, Hurm explained that the computer from Matrix did not meet the hard drive requirements or the processing speed requirements. He said these requirements are very important for present usage of this computer and for future ability.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept the low quote for a laptop computer, which meets our minimum specifications, from Gateway for \$2,470.00 and noted that the quote from Matrix did not meet minimum specifications. Motion passed 3-0.

## **POLICE REPORTS**

Police Chief Richard Gunselman presented the Jasper Police Department July Activity Report for review. He stated that he would have the finalized Strassenfest report at the next Board of Public Works and Safety meeting

## **CLAIMS**

Claims against the City from July 8, 2005 through August 4, 2005 were presented and examined by the board. Those claims found to be just, due, and owing were unanimously approved upon **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

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**Mayor William J. Schmitt**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary